# Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors

Location for Public Access: LPC Office and Telephone through WebEx
Special Called Board Meeting
Teleconference
Friday, April 22, 2022
Minutes

# I. Call to Order

The Special Called Board meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors ("Board") was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair ("Chair") on Friday April 22, 2022. The Special Called meeting was held via teleconference for the purpose of reviewing the comments submitted to the Board regarding the proposed Rules and Regulations revisions. The meeting was accessible to the public by contacting the Board office for a call-in number to join the meeting by telephone. A roll call of Board members was taken, and a quorum was present.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair, Congressional District-at-Large

Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Vice-Chair Congressional District I

Dr. Lynn Etheridge, Congressional District II

Mr. Steven Stafford, Congressional District III

Mr. Issac Boose, Congressional District IV

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board

Ms. Alexis Morris, Board Attorney representative, Special Assistant Attorney General

### I. Board Operation

The Board reviewed and discussed every comment submitted during the 25-day period allowed for public comments regarding the proposed Rules and Regulations.

# CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, the Board voted to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye – Dr. Sallis

Aye – Mr. Stafford Aye – Dr. Strebeck

In the determination session, Mr. Stafford motioned, seconded by Dr, Etheridge, the Board had reason to go into Executive Session, namely to discuss Board complaints. The vote was as follows:

Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye – Dr. Sallis

Aye - Mr. Stafford Aye - Dr. Strebeck

At 2:05 p.m., the Board announced the need to enter Executive session to the public the aforesaid reason.

## II. Executive Session

## A. Complaints

1. 2022-06 – Dr. Strebeck recommended the Board authorize an administrative hearing. Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Stafford, to authorize an administrative hearing regarding complaint 2022-06. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye – Dr. Sallis

Aye – Mr. Stafford Abstain – Dr. Strebeck

2. 2022-11 and 2022-12 – Dr. Strebeck recommended the Board authorize an administrative hearing. Mr. Stafford motioned, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, to authorize an administrative hearing regarding complaints 2022-11 and 2022-12. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye - Mr. Boose Aye - Dr. Etheridge Aye - Dr. Sallis

Aye – Mr. Stafford Abstain – Dr. Strebeck

3. 2021-36 – Dr. Sallis recommended the Board take no action. Mr. Stafford motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, to take no action regarding complaint 2021-36. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Abstain – Dr. Sallis

Aye – Mr. Stafford Aye – Dr. Strebeck

4. 2021-19 – Dr. Etheridge recommended the Board take no action. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, to take no action regarding complaint 2021-19. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye – Mr. Boose Abstain – Dr. Etheridge Aye – Dr. Sallis

Aye – Mr. Stafford Aye – Dr. Strebeck

5. 2021-18 – Dr. Etheridge recommended the Board authorize an administrative hearing. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, to authorize an administrative hearing regarding complaint 2021-18. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye – Mr. Boose Abstain – Dr. Etheridge Aye – Dr. Sallis

Aye – Mr. Stafford Aye – Dr. Strebeck

<ol> <li>2021-29 – Dr. Etheridge recommended the Board authorize an administrative hearing. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, to authorize an administrative hearing regarding complaint 2021-29. The motion carried with the following vote:         <ul> <li>Aye – Mr. Boose</li> <li>Abstain – Dr. Etheridge</li> <li>Aye – Dr. Sallis</li> <li>Aye – Mr. Stafford</li> <li>Aye – Dr. Strebeck</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
Upon the conclusion of business of Executive Session at 2:24 p.m., Mr. Stafford motioned, seconded by Dr.
Sallis, to exit Executive Session. The motion carried. The vote was as follows:
Aye- Mr. Boose Aye- Dr. Etheridge Aye - Dr. Sallis
Absent – Mr. Stafford Aye– Dr. Strebeck
RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION
The Board resumed the regular session at 2:24 p.m. by announcing the actions taken within the Executive Session. The Board reviewed considered complaints.
III. <u>Adjournment</u>
Dr. Sallis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 p.m., Dr. Etheridge seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.
Approved this the 20th day of May, 2022.

# **Upcoming Meetings:**

**Board Chair** 

• Friday, May 20, 2022 - Regularly Called Meeting via teleconference, Jackson, MS

**Board Member** 

- Thursday, June 16, 2022 Administrative Hearings (tentative)
- Friday, August 12, 2022 Administrative Hearings (tentative)